



# Adopt-a-Park & Public Areas Program

## Adopt-a-Wash - Additional Guidelines

- Clean-Up in washes may only take place between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- Clean-Up should be postponed or stopped immediately if any of these conditions are present:
  - Any amount of flowing water in the wash, or a flash flood warning or watch
  - Rain, lightning, or heavy winds are present at the project start time, or visible within two hours before in the Tucson area, greater than 30% chance of rain, or severe storm warning or watch
  - If any of these conditions develop while the project is in progress, volunteers should immediately leave the wash and any adjacent low-lying areas
- Please park outside of the wash channel to ensure safe volunteer access. Off-road motorized vehicle traffic in wash channels is also prohibited.
- Volunteer participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times
- In addition to required closed-toe shoes or boots and leather or thick rubber gloves, it is highly recommended to wear long pants, long-sleeve shirts, hat and sunscreen, and insect repellent.
- Please be appropriately aware of the potential of desert wildlife or domesticated animal encounters including dangerous insects, reptiles, and mammals which may inhabit or travel through washes and surrounding habitat. If dangerous wildlife is encountered, immediately leave the area and inform group members. Call 911 immediately if necessary for any injuries or to report unsafe conditions.
- Volunteers should work in pairs and not walk into areas of cactus, tall, dense grass or weeds, or thick, thorny brush or trees. Likewise, volunteers should not reach into holes, undergrowth or other areas to remove litter. If litter grabbers are available, use these for any difficult to reach or see areas.
- Please do not enter tunnels without an immediately visible exit, areas with a drop in elevation that cannot be easily traversed by normal hiking, or areas with standing water or thick mud.
- Please use existing entrances to washes at streets or gently-sloped wash banks, avoiding steep natural and concrete slopes. Do not create new trails that disturb vegetation or encourage erosion.
- Removal of natural vegetation and soil on wash banks generally should be avoided to comply with appropriate laws and local ordinances regarding riparian habitat and wash conservation. Certain designated invasive plants (i.e. buffelgrass) may be removed by hand or shovel by trained volunteers
- Report maintenance concerns including graffiti, illegal dumping, additional large items, fallen or naturally grown vegetation or man-made blockages. Large-scale maintenance concerns requiring vehicle access or mechanized equipment may not be undertaken by volunteers.
- If proper disposal options are not available at the project site, please contact Tucson Clean & Beautiful with at least one week prior notice. Bagged litter and debris collected by volunteers is typically removed early the following week. Please call at least three weeks in advance for larger public area cleanup projects that may require a temporary dumpster.
- Scheduling of bagged litter and debris removal or delivery and pickup of waste dumpsters is based on availability of staff and equipment from Adopt-a-Park & Public Areas Program partnering agencies, and may be subject to change without notice.
- If additional bags or other supplies are required at any time, or for questions about the program, please feel free to contact Tucson Clean & Beautiful at **791-3109**.